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Testimony on HB 2612 House Transportation Committee Feb. 14, 2012

Chairman Hayzlett & Ranking Member Wetta,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today on HB 2612, a bill that designates a portion of K-79 highway in Jackson County as the Barnes Brothers Memorial Highway.

Mr. Chairman, this bill came to me from a group of students who attend Royal Valley Middle School in Mayetta, Kansas which is within Jackson County. They contacted me last fall, prior to the session asking that I introduce a bill, as the one you have before you.

In reviewing their request, it became clear to me that they had done their homework. They have appropriately devised a plan for paying for the signage they hope to have installed. Additionally, they have approached the Circleville City Council and pitched the idea. They have recruited the support of the Circleville Council, which is the local government body most affected by this idea.

In short, Mr. Chairman, these youngsters have taken the initiative to get something accomplished, and they have done an admirable job getting it done thus far. The rest of the job is up to us.

I support these students' efforts to honor the memory of the Barnes Brothers in this way. I respectfully ask the members of the Transportation Committee pass out HB 2612 favorably for passage to the full House. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Trent LeDoux

Representative, 50th District